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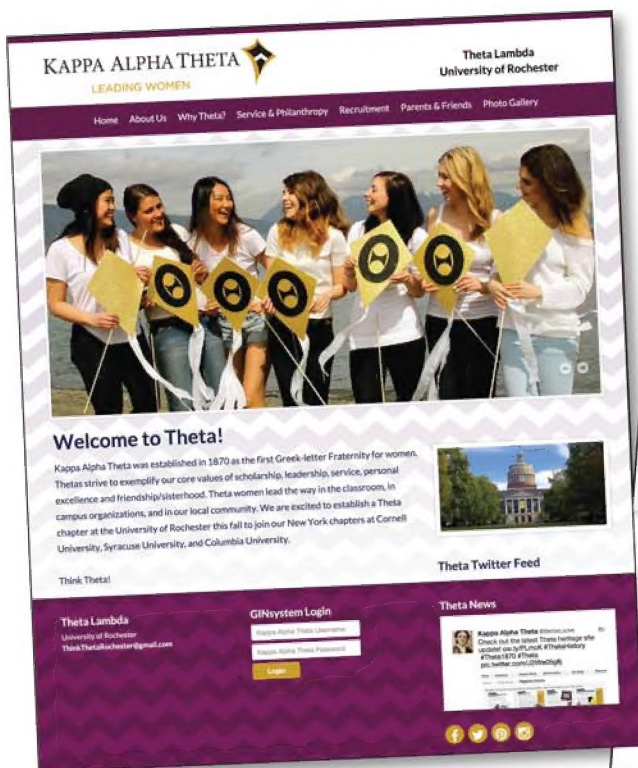
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FINDING INSPIRATION IN PERSON AND IN PRINT

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

MY FIRST TRIP OVERSEAS WAS COURTESY OF MICKEY MOUSE. WELL, MORE ACCURATELY, THE WALT DISNEY CORPORATION.

It was a press junket to what was then known as EuroDisney, which is located in Marne-la-Vallée, France, about 20 miles outside Paris. As one would expect, since Mickey was paying the bills, we spent most of the four-day trip in the theme park. But we did have a half-day tour and then dinner in the City of Light, and ... oh, my. Those few hours were enough to cause your editor to fall in love with international travel.

Since that first trip, I've been fortunate to visit seven European countries, as well as return to Paris five more times. (Some might view my affection for Paris as obsessive, but certainly no one can accuse me of being fickle! Besides, a person never forgets her first crush.)

So I could be considered moderately well-traveled, and I feel like I've learned a great deal on my trips. But I am in complete awe of Tracey Long Carisch, Beta/Indiana, the subject of this issue's featured profile. In the spring of 2014, the Carisch family sold their Nashville, Tennessee, home and most of their belongings and set forth on a 15-month adventure that took them to 25 countries. And they were not simply tourists. During the two to six weeks they spent in each location, they became part of the community by participating in service efforts, from habitat restoration in New Zealand to assisting with preschool classes in Fiji to volunteering at shelters in Bolivia. You can learn more about their quest to find 100 Ways to Change the World on pages 18 through 21.

On page 18, Tracey Carisch tells "The Starfish Story" to illustrate the worldview she shares with her husband and three daughters. The point of the story is that while a single person may not be able to impact the whole world, it is within her reach to help one person at a time. Court Appointed Special Advocates epitomizes that philosophy by striving to make a difference for children in the foster care system, and to do so one child at a time. In the conclusion to our year-long commemoration of Theta's 25-year relationship with CASA, Elise Connor Rowan, Gamma/Butler, describes her commitment to becoming a CASA volunteer and her hopes of making meaningful contributions to the life of her CASA youth. You can read Elise's story on page 31.

Yet another inspirational and leading woman is the focus of "In Her Own Words," the regular question-and-answer session that appears in each issue. Louise Lev Geil, Beta Iota/Colorado, is not only a long-time Fraternity volunteer but also a veteran traveler. Her latest journey involved "seeing Everest the hard way," trekking in Nepal. You can read her description of hiking more than 100 miles and climbing more than 18,000 feet in inclement weather on page 23.

In this issue's other regular features, you will find moving accounts of Theta love and support ("I Am a Theta," page 5); an exploration of the time, energy, and resources that help create a new college chapter ("The KAΘ Extension Story," page 14); a handy guide to help recent graduates (and perhaps not-so-recent graduates!) remain connected to the Fraternity ("Sisters by Choice," page 26); and our project archivist's advice on researching family (whether Theta-related or not) histories ("Ask the Archivist," page 30).

Many writers who are more talented than your editor have used travel as a metaphor, as a tool for expounding on life's lessons. Certainly visiting unfamiliar places—whether on the other side of an ocean or the other side of a hometown—offers its share of enlightening moments: sometimes touching, sometimes profound, sometimes humorous, sometimes embarrassing. I believe that Theta sisterhood offers the same opportunities for enlightenment. The alumnae and collegians who appear on the pages of each issue of this magazine never fail to encourage and energize me, and I hope you feel the same way. ♦

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ON THE COVER: During the last month of their journey around the world, TRACEY LONG CARISCH, B/INDIANA, and her family are living in Granada, Nicaragua. Carisch is pictured in front of Granada Cathedral in the city's main square.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

MAGAZINE HONORED

"Straight As Arrows," a profile article about paralympian **ASHLEE SHEPPARD, ETA MU/OCCIDENTAL**, was honored with a third-place award in the Human Interest Article (Long) category at the annual banquet of the Fraternity Communications Association (FCA). The article was written by **JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, DELTA/ILLINOIS**, and published in the Spring 2014 issue. (FCA is a professional association of fraternity and sorority communicators.)

THETAS ON CAPITOL HILL

Each spring, the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition (FGRC), which comprises the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), and the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC), sponsors Capitol Hill visits. Outstanding Greek collegians from across the US travel to Washington, DC, to lobby federal legislators on issues related to higher education.

Collegians **KRISTIN ANDERSON, ETA TAU/TAMPA**, chapter CEO and former student government president; **MADLINE GRUNEWALD, ALPHA OMICRON/OKLAHOMA**, former student government president; **BROOKE KNUDTSON, ZETA UPSILON/UT DALLAS**, student government president and former chapter chief recruiting officer; and **CELIA WRIGHT, ALPHA GAMMA/OHIO STATE**, past student government association president, joined Fraternity President **LAURA WARE DOERRE, DELTA XI/NORTH CAROLINA**; Fraternity Vice President **ABBEY MANSFIELD RUBY, BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE**; Director of Government Relations **LAURIE MCGREGOR CONNOR, GAMMA DEUTERON/OHIO WESLEYAN**; and **CINDY HEINE STELLHORN, BETA/INDIANA**, vice president of M-J Insurance, in representing Kappa Alpha Theta. Knudtson was one of three collegians chosen for a one-year term on the FSPAC board (the first Theta to be elected as a student representative) and will assist the FSPAC by increasing awareness of its mission.

REUNIONS

The **ETA THETA CHAPTER** at **CENTRAL FLORIDA** will be turning 15 this autumn! An anniversary celebration will take place at the Eta Theta Chapter facility and surrounding Central Florida locations the week-end of November 20-22, 2015. Additional details, including registration and schedules of events, can be found at <http://centralflorida.kappaalphatheta.org/page/etatheta15yearanniversary>.



MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

In 2015, the following Fraternity officers celebrate milestone anniversaries of service.

5 YEARS

Jennifer Parent Coleman, ΔE/Arizona State
Taryn Dorfman, HΘ/Central Florida
Jillian Mathias Kyde, EI/San Diego
Alicia Lee, ZO/Wake Forest
Sarah Sciarani Polito, BM/Nevada
Kristen McMahon, A/DePauw
Jessica Siegel, Γ/Butler
Jennifer Payne-Strimaitis, ZN/UC Davis
Allison Long Van Haute, BΘ/Idaho
Kristine Larson Wix, BN/Florida State
Cynthia Strube Yestal, BX/Alberta

10 YEARS

Laura Ware Doerre, ΔE/North Carolina
Kory Linde-Ellefsen, Y/Minnesota
Nicole Frank, BΘ/Idaho
Heather Breuninger Granato, EΨ/Richmond
Laura Locke, ΓΦ/Texas Tech
Suzanne Graf McLemore, ΔΠ/Tennessee
Lindsay Sell, BΓ/Colorado State

20 YEARS

Julie Ruffolo Gilpin, A/DePauw

40 YEARS

Louise Wetstein Simpson, BT/Denison ♦

WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.) Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions.

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

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 - Bid Day Cards

KAPPA ALPHA THETA
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"I AM A THETA" IS SOMETHING WE ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, WHETHER WE JUST RECEIVED A BID DAY CARD OR A 75-YEAR MEMBER PIN. THE FONDNESS WE HAVE FOR THETA COMES FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES—THE PEOPLE WE MEET, THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, AND THE STORIES WE TELL. THESE



STORIES ARE WHAT CONNECT US TO ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD.

WE ALL HAVE A THETA STORY TO TELL. TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ONE OF YOURS, AND SHARE

IT AT WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO READ THETA STORIES SUBMITTED BY OTHER MEMBERS.

SHARE STORIES

Visit the I Am a Theta area of www.kappaalphatheta.org to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Login required for submissions.)

MY THETA ADOPTION STORY

Have you ever heard someone who's never been a part of a fraternity or sorority say, "All you did was buy your friends!" I want to dispel that belief by sharing my story.

I was born in Ukraine and adopted by my parents at the age of three. My brothers, John and Joe, were also adopted from Ukraine. My parents came home to South Carolina with three little kids who didn't know English, didn't know each other, and weren't aware that they had just been adopted into a loving family.

I grew up in a lovely southern home and came to love Sunday church, the SEC, and the importance of family. But one day my dad got a job in Nebraska, so we packed up and headed to the heartland. As I lived there, I grew to love the Cornhuskers and learned to find beauty in the vast plains that cover the state.

My next adventure was college. I got accepted into my dream school, Colorado State University, and headed to CSU last August. I heard about the re-establishment of Kappa Alpha Theta's Beta Gamma Chapter and immediately decided to go for it.

Bid day came quickly, and after a few weeks, I began to form relationships with these amazing women. In just a few months, I knew I had found some of my best friends in Theta.

During the spring semester, I suffered seven seizures in the course of 30 minutes. My Theta sisters were right by my side, calming me and supporting me through those scary moments. Two of them stayed with me in the hospital with me while my mom drove all night.

It was scary, and nerve-racking to be in an unfamiliar hospital. But I didn't feel alone. My mom wasn't there, nor were my dad or brothers, but my new sisters were. They stayed the night and watched me cry and told me everything was going to be OK. They came by the next day and gave me stuffed animals, food, laughter and—of course—Starbucks!

My point is: I had family by my side during an awful situation. So, yes, I have to pay fees to be a part of Theta, but I didn't buy my friends. Just like my mom and dad had to pay to bring John, Joe, and me home, they didn't "buy a family." Family is created through support and unconditional love. I was adopted into an amazing family, and my dreams of having sisters finally came true once I pledged Kappa Alpha Theta.

Rebekah Whittle, BG/Colorado State, serves her chapter as communications director.

MY COLLEGE STORY BEGAN WITH THETA

Last spring, I walked across the stage at my political science department's commencement ceremony, the concluding step in officially completing my undergraduate education. I can't say that it seems like "just yesterday" that I was arriving at University of California Berkeley, moving into my dorm room, and taking my first college courses because, to be honest, freshman year seems like an eternity ago.

My first year dragged on, I didn't do particularly well in my classes, I didn't meet my college BFFs, and I didn't really get involved in any of the unique and incredible things that Berkeley had to offer me. I remember feeling lost, like I wasn't good enough, and—truthfully—quite lonely.

During the summer between my first and second year, I signed up for sorority recruitment. I found a home at the Omega chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, and that's where my Berkeley story really began.

Being a Theta gave me a community that stood by me and supported me through some of the most challenging times of my college career. It provided me with the time management skills to be able to juggle extra-curricular activities, leadership positions, classes, and a healthy social life. It gave me sisters who empowered me to reach my academic and professional goals, even when I felt like things had gotten out of control. It gave me a system of supportive friends who volunteered for events I put on, trusted me to help manage chapter events, and were there for me during some of the most emotionally trying times of my young adult life. In short, Theta gave my college life substance.

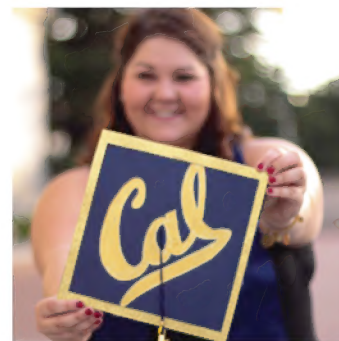
It is so easy to glide through your college years, focusing only on what you came there to do: get an education. At Cal, your education is about how you apply what you're learning, how you give back to the community as more than a transitive member, and the ideas, relationships, and belief systems that you build during your time there. Without the support that Theta gave me, I never would have found the courage to participate in our student government, to really kick-start the work of my nonprofit organization, and to find my voice hidden deep within the shy, unsure, and uncritical freshman-year me.

Although I'm not completely sure what's to come for me in the coming years, I'm confident that, with my critical Berkeley education and my Theta support system, I will be ready for whatever life has in store.

Marissa Vessels, Ω/UC Berkeley, graduated with a degree in political science and public policy. ◇



REBEKAH WHITTLE,
BG/COLORADO STATE



MARISSA VESSELS,
Ω/UC BERKELEY

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Your Gift Matters

We need your help to reach our goal and to ensure our sisterhood remains forever at the forefront of leadership and learning. That's why we are asking you to invest in the future of our Fraternity and the next generation of Leading Women. To make your gift today, visit www.GivetoTheta.org or call 1.800.KAO.1870 to speak with a Foundation gift officer.

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Bettie, left, and Alice are two kite patterns of the "Founders Collection"

ABOUT JENNIFER & MARGARET:

Jennifer Parent Coleman, Delta Epsilon/Arizona State, is an interior designer and owns her own firm, JKC Designs, based in Connecticut. She has been a member of the FHC Interior Design Committee since 2010.

Margaret Leverich Blum, Beta Pi/Michigan State, works in product development and sales for a domestic textile manufacturer that weaves luxury fabrics for interiors. She is proud to have worked on fabrics for the White House which are in the Oval Office and private residence today.

Both Jennifer and Margaret are active members of the **Westchester Alumnae Chapter**, and Margaret currently serves as alumnae chapter treasurer.

If you would like to know more about the FHC IDC or the new Theta fabric, please email katfhc@kappaalphatheta.org.

THE FOUNDERS COLLECTION - WEAVING A DREAM INTO REALITY

BY ABBY MERRITT BAKER, FHC MARKETING COORDINATOR

The Fraternity Housing Corporation Interior Design Committee (FHC IDC) volunteers had a dream. They wanted to create a uniquely Theta fabric that could be used in every chapter facility decorated by the interior designers and enjoyed by Thetas all over North America. Interior design committee member Jennifer Parent Coleman, Delta Epsilon/Arizona State, partnered with Margaret Leverich Blum, Beta Pi/Michigan State, to spearhead the Theta fabric project. The pair created two different fabrics, with plans to create two more by the end of 2015.

JEN DESCRIBES THE PROCESS

Our kite was the inspiration for the signature Bettie and Alice fabrics. We reviewed hundreds of fabric structure weaves to determine the ideal quality, hand, and weave. We then selected the yarns, and the mill created a blanket (a term used for textile samples woven by the mill). The results were thrilling! The combinations were beautiful and reflected the classy elegance that our chapter facilities embody. The fabrics are ready for use in our chapter facilities this summer.

THE FABRIC

- The collection consists of two kite patterns that we have named after two of our founders, Bettie and Alice. By the end of this year, we will launch two additional patterns to complete our "Founders Collection" with a fabric in honor of each of our four founding members.
- Bettie and Alice are manufactured in the US at a family-owned high-end custom mill that weaves fabrics for interiors.
- The yarns we selected were specially colored to reflect Theta's black and gold.
- The fabrics are woven on Jacquard looms with yarns of various fibers to achieve beautiful matte and sheen areas.
- Both fabrics are applicable for upholstery and decorative purposes.

Creating these unique Theta fabrics is yet another way the FHC IDC contributes to the enhancement of Theta's brand. ◇



MARGARET BLUM, BPI/MICHIGAN STATE, and JENNIFER COLEMAN, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE, creators of the "Founders Collection" of fabrics.

Want more? housing.kappaalphatheta.org/



COLLEGE CHAPTERS

A Members of Zeta Chi/Johns Hopkins were recognized for their commitment to the widest influence for good by the Fraternity and Sorority Life Excellence in Service and Philanthropy Award. Pictured are Aneeka Ratnayake, Kenzie Lane, Lizzy Glass, Emily Herman, and Amanda Garcia.

B In April, Sunflower CASA Project, Inc., recognized the efforts of Delta Eta/Kansas State with the Volunteer of the Year award. In the past five years, Delta Eta has raised \$68,000 for the program.

C The Gamma Iota/Kentucky Chapter was awarded the Dean's Cup Award last spring.

D Gamma Rho/UC Santa Barbara welcomed

27 cadets in UC Santa Barbara's Army ROTC program for an all-American dinner.

E Theta Foundation Secretary Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA, joined the Beta Xi Chapter for its Senior Service.

F Epsilon Psi/Richmond celebrated the life of Yeardley Love, ΔX/Virginia, who lost her life to relationship violence in 2010, at a One Love Foundation event.

G Marina Steinhauer and Sonja Perry, both AM/Missouri, were picked to join Mizzou '39, a specially selected group of seniors who demonstrate academic achievement, service, and leadership to Mizzou and the surrounding community.

H Beta/Indiana brought home first place in this year's Little 500 bike race.

I Maddie Reddick, ΓΨ/Texas Christian, was elected student body president on April 15, the same day Gamma Psi celebrated 60 years as a Theta chapter.

J The Columbus Alumnae Chapter held a senior send-off at Alpha Gamma/Ohio State. Pictured are the Gamma deuteran/Ohio Wesleyan participants: Laurie McGregor Connor, Mackenzie Schroeder, Brenda Gable, Lauren Moore, Lauren Rump, Hannah Snapp, and Katie Nunner.

K Ana Spone and Marina Tipold, Γ/Butler, channeled their excitement in a photo as they awaited new members on bid day.

THETAS OF NOTE



Caitlin Zuerker, AO/Oklahoma, has founded a cosmetic company in Oklahoma City after winning first place in Oklahoma's Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Business Plan Competition.



Jane Frye Ferguson, ΑΨ/Lawrence, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 26, 2015.



Lauren Stanley, IT/Tulsa, has been actively involved in the TU Dream Project, a mentoring program at Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during her undergraduate career. She served as vice president and then president of the program.



Olivia Pavco-Giacca, ET/Yale, is the creator of LabCandy, bold and bright lab coats and bedazzled goggles for scientists. She participated in this year's White House Science Fair, and was a *Glamour* magazine's Top Ten College Women.



Sarah Laramie, HE/Quinnipiac, was appointed teacher representative to the San Tan Charter School Board.



THETA families



L Megan McCarthy and her mother, Carol Land McCarthy, both AX/Purdue, attended the chapter's 100-year anniversary celebration. Megan wore the badge worn by her mother, Carol, and her grandmother, Joan Baugh Land, also AX/Purdue.

M Three generations: Annie Miller, BT/Denison; Kate Smith Dunn, AT/Ohio State; and Jennifer Dunn Miller, AT/Ohio State, celebrated Founders Day in Columbus.

N Perry Tonkel, BΩ/Colorado College, and her grandmother, Kathy Bennett Tonkel, H/Michigan, became Theta sisters in March.

O Three generations of Thetas: Barbara Bjerke Brubakken, Kristin Brubakken Thorson, and Nicole Thorson are all members of Alpha Pi/North Dakota.

P Christine Kiele Butcher, O/Southern California, became Theta sisters with her granddaughter, Lauren March, EE/Baylor, in February.

Not pictured

Eta Pi/Case Western Reserve celebrated numerous awards and recognitions in the past year. Members of the chapter were awarded for their participation in the Pytte Cup Chapter Development awards process and received Excellence in Citizenship, Distinction in Ritual, and Honor in Scholarship and Leadership. In addition, Nicole Cornelius, Shannon Smith, Natalie Dean, Heidi Schmidt, Lizzy Benway, and Gabrielle Kelly all received various honors and recognitions from Order of Omega, scholarships, and leadership awards.

Gamma Psi/TCU won the Chancellor's Award at the TCU Greek Award Banquet.

Kate Raulin, Kelsey Ullom, and Rachel Vinciguerra, all ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan, developed a pen-pal program called Write to Be, which has paired six teenage girls at an orphanage called Espwa in Les Cayes, Haiti, with six American young women to discuss topics such as role models, goal setting, and cultural traditions.



Katie Alvarez Tritak, ΔK/Louisiana State, retired from the US Senate staff after a 30-plus-year career. She was the first woman to take a roll call vote in the Senate, the first woman bill clerk, and the first woman legislative clerk.



Jamie Kondis, EI/Westminster, received the Westminster College Young Alumni Achievement Award. She is an instructor at Washington University School of Medicine and an attending physician at St. Louis Children's Hospital.



Millie Jenkins McVey, AT/Ohio State, received the Upper Arlington Rotary Club Award for Volunteerism.



Katie Baugh Nielsen, AX/Purdue, won Big Sister of the Year for the state of California's Big Brothers Big Sisters program.



Samantha Schmidt, B/Indiana, won first place in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program's National Writing Championship.



ALUMNAE, REUNIONS & MORE

A Katherine Joslin, BT/Denison, and Martha Kirkpatrick Marsh, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan, attended the Toledo Alumnae Circle's Founders Day celebration.

B The Vero Beach Alumnae Chapter, including 75-year member Jane Locke Fleming, P/Nebraska, celebrated Founders Day.

C Barbara Young Sipp, ΑΓ/Ohio State, and Jane Conklin Setterlin, ΑΓ/Ohio State, celebrated Founders Day with the Columbus Alumnae Chapter.

D Alumnae got together for Gamma deuterion Alumni Weekend at Ohio Wesleyan.

E Cathy Cook Krumm, ΕΖ/Mississippi;

Mary Bess Corbin, ΕΕ/Baylor; Samara Naime Fatone, ΔΨ/UC Riverside; Adria DeLaune, ΔΚ/Louisiana; Jessica Siegel, Γ/Butler; Nicole Latham, ΗΦ/Belmont; Ansley Howze, ΗΦ/Belmont; and Irwin Edwards Fisher, ΑΗ/Vanderbilt, attended the Nashville-Area Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon and Silent Auction.

F The Upstate SC (South Carolina) Alumnae Chapter was installed in June.

G Ann McIntosh Adrian, ΑΥ/Washburn, center, received Washburn's Distinguished Service Award. Pictured with her are past award recipients Cindy Tilson Rogers and Carol Lyon Vogel, both ΑΥ/Washburn.

H The Southeastern Virginia Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day.

I The Flatirons Alumnae Chapter joined Beta Iota/Colorado to celebrate Founders Day. Pictured are 75-year member Beverly Davis Holman, ΑΨ/Lawrence, and 50-year member Pam Place Weber, ΒΔ/Arizona.

J The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter celebrated 50- and 75-year Thetas. Back row: Jan Bettenburg, Γ/Butler; Linda Johnson Clauson, ΑΜ/Missouri; Julie Cope Deemer, Β/Indiana; Joanne Motz Heritier, Ν/Hanover; Ruth Diener Huff, Ν/Hanover; Jane Judkins McCabe, Ν/Hanover; Joan Schafer, Ν/Hanover; front row: Lee Anne Davis Butt, Γ/Butler; Barbara Howard Hasbrook, Γ/Butler; Kanda Kelly, Γ/Butler; Elizabeth Lewis Lawrence, ΑΧ/Purdue;

THETAS OF NOTE



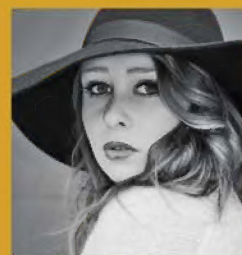
Jacqueline Ros, ΔΘ/Florida, developed Revolar, an easily hidden, wearable device that allows the wearer to notify his or her emergency contacts of an emergency situation.



Laney Langenstein, ΑΗ/Vanderbilt, was crowned Queen of Carnival presiding over a parade and ball during Mardi Gras in New Orleans.



Rebecca Bridges Dinnin, ΕΕ/Baylor, was named executive director of The Alamo landmark.



Kaylan Mackinnon, ΒΥ/British Columbia, released her new single "In the Dark." It is available on iTunes.



Sami Zoss, ΑΡ/South Dakota, was elected USD Student Government Association president.



Marjorie Glass Conly, Γ /Butler; **Louise Cummins Volpp**, $\Delta\chi$ /Purdue.

K Members of the **Pasadena Alumnae Chapter** met at the home of former Fraternity President **Janet Peters**, $B\Omega$ /Colorado College, pictured, to make more than 50 pillows for CASA kids.

L Women from the **Atlanta Alumnae Chapter** got together to catch up in June.

M **Beta Xi/UCLA** alumnae and their legacy daughters got together for a reunion brunch.

N **Omicron/USC** alumnae **Rose Orr Briggs** and **Margaret Alman Hastings** reunited after more than 25 years!

O **Ali Norman**, $\Delta\chi$ /Purdue (left) and **Tory Flynn**, P /Nebraska (right) posed with State Representative **Sheila Klinker**, Γ /Butler, at

the 2015 Indiana Legislative Session.

P **Ann Shelby Valentine**, $\Delta\Theta$ /Florida, was awarded the public art portion of the RiverPark Shopping Center renovation in Napa, California.

Q **Mary Ell Ruffner**, $B\Sigma$ /Southern Methodist, and **Nancy Mooers Brown**, ΔE /Oregon, reconnected at a Montana ranch.

R **Janey Janson** and **Rebecca Monroe Wick**, both $\Gamma\Delta$ /Ohio Wesleyan, met again after many years at a **Charleston Lowcountry Alumnae Circle** lunch.

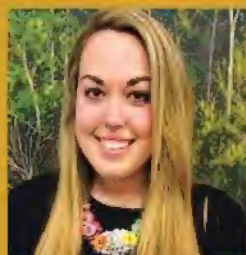
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Michelle Crowell Coburn, ΔI /Washington-St. Louis; **Anne McCabe**, B /Indiana; **Nicole Latham**, $H\Phi$ /Belmont; **Samara Naime Fatone**, $\Delta\Psi$ /UC Riverside; **Mary Bess**

Corbin, EE /Baylor; **Adria DeLaune**, ΔK /Louisiana State; and **Jann Seymour**, $\Delta\Sigma$ /Ball State, are members of the **Nashville Alumnae Chapter's Lunch Bunch**.

Lyn Simensen, $\Gamma\Gamma$ /Rollins, Theta Foundation vice president, was the guest speaker at the **Naples-Marco Island-Bonita Springs Alumnae Chapter** fifth annual fundraiser to benefit Theta Foundation and CASA.

Gamma Upsilon/Miami alumnae gathered at the Class of 1965 Reunion at **Miami** in Oxford, Ohio, in June. Attendees include **Susan Weiss Kasle**, **Joan Doolittle**, **Alice Polly League**, **Mary Jean Miller Nay**, **Arlene DeBoer Goodman**, **Pat Plummer Pickett**, **Linda Deist Stanley**, **Char Dallas Bonsack**, and **Jenni Wren Wiggers**.



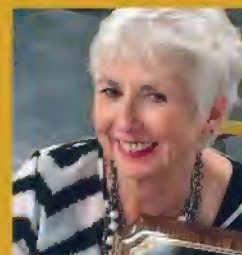
Sarah Tolbert, HO /North Florida, won UNF's Greek Award for Sorority President of the Year.



Clare Sanchez, EI /Westminster, was recently elected to the LSU Board of Supervisors. She is a third-year law student at LSU Law.



Nancy Lusk Zimpher, $\Delta\Gamma$ /Ohio State, was honored at Ohio State University's 2015 Spring Commencement. She received the Distinguished Service Award for her commitment to teacher preparation, urban education and university-community engagement.



Sally Davis Pokorny, ΔY /Washburn, was awarded the Jennie Mitchell Kellogg Achievement Award in honor of her professional excellence, positive influence, and more regarding women in the field of law.

Becky Straw's, Φ /Pacific, non-profit organization, The Adventure Project, won the Diane Von Furstenburg Award and received a \$50,000 grant to further its cause of entrepreneurship in poverty-stricken countries.

Juliette Landphair, $\Delta\Phi$ /Tulane, was named vice president for student affairs at the University of Mary Washington. She was formerly dean of Westhampton College and associate dean in the School of Arts and Sciences for the University of Richmond. ♦

NUMBER 4,000



SARAH CRAIG, Π/ALBION

SARAH CRAIG, Π/ALBION, is Life Loyal Number 4,000! That is, she is the 4,000th Theta to enroll in the program. She is currently communications specialist at Notre Dame's Eck Institute for Global Health and was previous marketing manager for the university's Center for Tropical Disease Research and Training, which her father helped establish.

WHY DID YOU ENROLL IN THE THETA LIFE LOYAL PROGRAM?

I enrolled because it has always been a "bucket list" item. I've always wanted to give greater support to Theta than I have in the past. It was way past time for me—I'm not getting any younger!

HOW HAS YOUR THETA EXPERIENCE EVOLVED SINCE YOUR INITIATION?

After graduation, I was living and working in the Detroit area. I loved it, but after getting married and having my first child (of three), we decided to move nearer to my home (South Bend, Indiana) to take care of my parents. My father passed away in 1995 and my mother in 2008. The majority of my career has been in higher education in two institutions that do not have a Greek system (Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame), and there is not an active alumnae chapter in South Bend. So staying connected has been a challenge. But I have stayed close to my "Big," Susan Valentine, who lives in Chicago and practices law. And through Facebook I have enjoyed reconnecting with many of my sisters, sharing photos and comments.

LIFE LOYAL IS ONE MEANS FOR ALUMNAE TO CONTINUE THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH KAPPA ALPHA THETA? WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

It reminds me of an important chapter and formidable time in my life and the people who were part of it. Theta shaped and changed me and gave me confidence I didn't know I had. Being part of an all-woman's organization strengthened me. Unfortunately, I had many personal challenges during college, and my sisters were there for me and have been ever since.

ONE OF THETA'S AIMS IS THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD, AND YOUR CAREER SEEMS TO REFLECT THAT GOAL. IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Very much! At the Eck Institute for Global Health, we are addressing diseases that affect billions of people around the world. We are a university-wide enterprise with a mission to encourage the recognition of health as a fundamental human right and promote research, training, and service to advance health standards for all people, especially those who are disproportionately impacted by preventable diseases.

Life Loyal

BECOME A LIFE LOYAL THETA! *These women enrolled between Feb. 1 and April 30, 2015*

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Linda Ely Falotico
Kristen Magnes Kaiser

B/INDIANA

Jane Adelle Greenlee

Γ/BUTLER

Susan Blind Curtis
Shirley Miller Schwartz

Δ/ILLINOIS

Katherine Lawrence Anderson
Judith Adamson Knight

H/MICHIGAN

Barbara Ager Gressa

I/CORNELL

Brooke Galliard
Brittany Scrugham

Λ/VERMONT

Lida Benson

N/HANOVER

Jane Judkins McCabe

O/USC

Lexi Byron
Nicole R. Matthews

Π/ALBION

Maggie-Mae M. White

P/NEBRASKA

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Ramona Rodriguez Krutzik

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Tracy Frank Scott

AE/BROWN

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AH/VANDERBILT

Nina Scoby
Kimberly Wood Skinner

AΘ/TEXAS

Madison M. Deal
Nancy Capps Forester

"Theta shaped and changed me and gave me the confidence I didn't know I had."



Cynthia Newton Gayden
Kay Murphy Goodrich
Nan Sanders Johnson
Alison Hudson Leonard
Cheslea Kemble Taylor
Lois Hamilton Wright
Karen Hurt Wyatt
Suzy Harris Yarbrough

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Marsha Tharinger Becka

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Samantha J. Kohnen

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Pauline McNabb Soehren

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Katharine Newell

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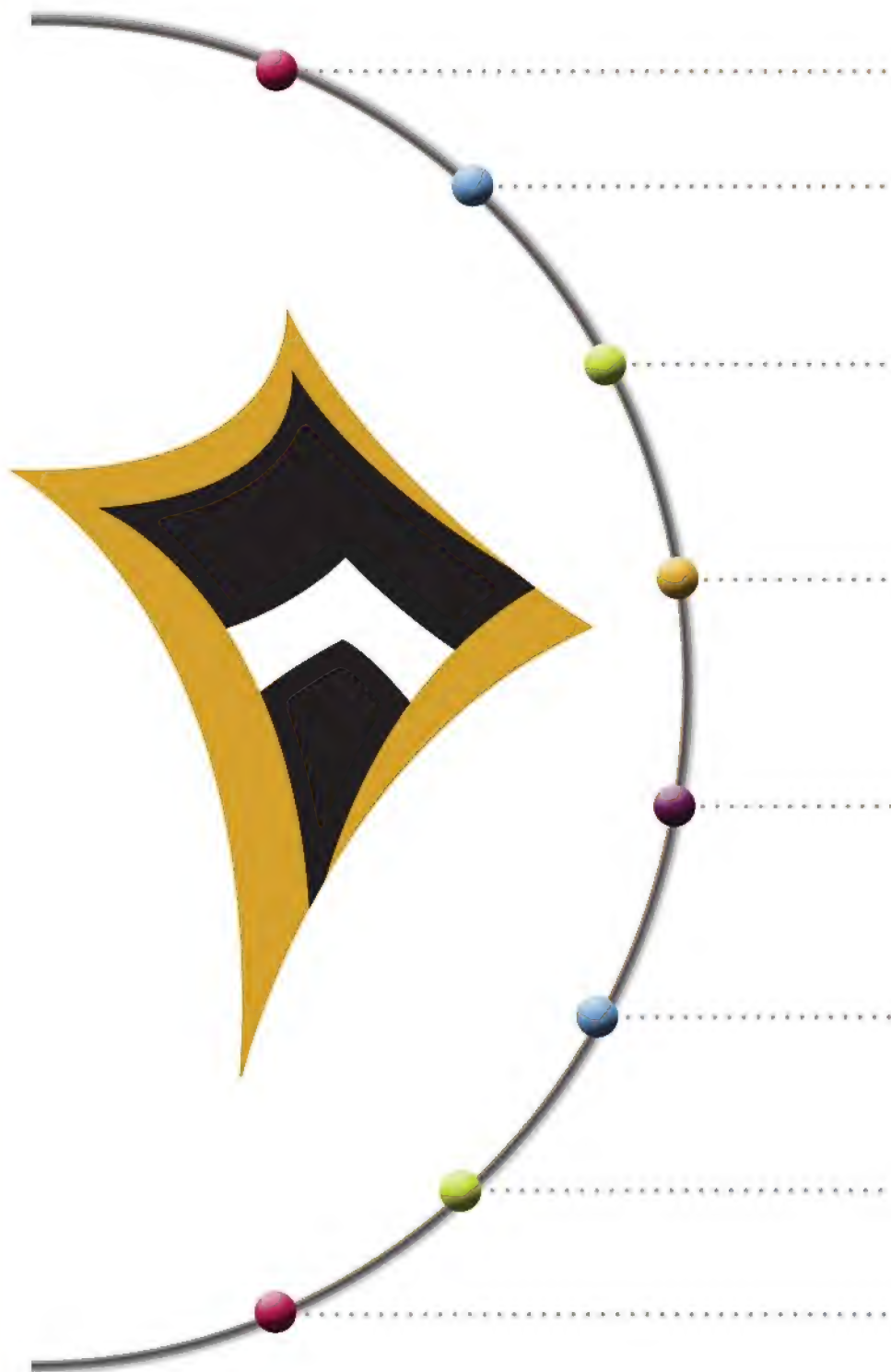


THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXTENSION STORY

EXTENSION IS THE ADDITION OF NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC) CHAPTERS TO THE PANHELLENIC COMMUNITY ON A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRATERNITY/SORORITY COMMUNITY ON A CAMPUS WHERE PREVIOUSLY NONE HAD EXISTED. EXTENSION IS A PIONEERING PROCESS.

SINCE 2013, THETA HAS ESTABLISHED SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS AT NINE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES! WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR NEWEST CHAPTER, THETA LAMBDA, WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER IN THE AUTUMN OF 2015. (LEARN MORE ON PAGE 16.)

THE TIMELINE ON THESE TWO PAGES ILLUSTRATES THE TIME, ENERGY, AND RESEARCH THAT HELP CREATE A NEW KAPPA ALPHA THETA CHAPTER.



research

- We maintain current research on schools whose values align with ours and on whose campuses a new Theta chapter will succeed.

open

- At various times throughout the year, NPC provides information about campuses open for extension. Open means the campus community is thriving and a vote has occurred among existing groups to support the establishment of a new NPC organization on the campus.

visit

- If such an opening occurs at a school of interest to us, Fraternity staff and extension volunteers may make an exploratory visit to the campus. Such a visit contributes to the accumulated research on the institution and helps determine whether it should be further considered by Theta for extension.

vote

- If Grand Council supports extension at a school with an expanding Greek system, Council members will vote whether to accept an invitation to establish a Theta chapter if such an invitation is extended at the conclusion of the campus's extension process.

submit

- If the Council vote is unanimous, Theta extension experts prepare a comprehensive information packet and submit it to be considered along with the packets of other interested NPC groups.

present

- After considering the information submitted by NPC groups, the school of interest may invite Theta to make an on-campus presentation to students and school administrators along with other NPC finalists.

recruit

- If selected by the campus community to establish a chapter, a team of Theta staff and volunteer officers recruit charter members. Two educational leadership consultants (ELCs) are based at the soon-to-be established chapter, guide it toward installation, and remain in the area throughout the following year.

initiate

- During a weekend celebration, we initiate our newest members and charter the chapter! ELCs, as well as Theta staff and volunteers, and friends and family provide a strong foundation for future growth and success. ◇

ALTHOUGH THIS IS FREQUENTLY THE PROCESS BY WHICH THETA IS SELECTED TO BE PART OF A CAMPUS, IT IS NOT THE ONLY WAY EXTENSION MAY OCCUR. LOCAL CHAPTERS AT A GIVEN INSTITUTION MAY DIRECTLY PETITION TO AFFILIATE WITH THE FRATERNITY IF THERE IS NO PANHELLENIC ON THE CAMPUS. IN ADDITION, THETA MAY RE-ESTABLISH CHAPTERS AT SCHOOLS AT WHICH A MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PLAN WAS PUT INTO PLACE WHEN A THETA CHAPTER CLOSED.

KITES FLYING HIGH

ROCHESTER

OUR THETA FAMILY IS GROWING! THIS AUTUMN, WE'LL ESTABLISH THE THETA LAMBDA CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER. IF YOU KNOW A YOUNG WOMAN ATTENDING OR PLANNING TO ATTEND ROCHESTER, YOU MAY SUBMIT A LETTER OF REFERENCE BY USING THE ONLINE FORM AT KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG OR MAILING A HARD COPY TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA, 8740 FOUNDERS RD., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46268, ATTN: CHRISTA SAMAHA.

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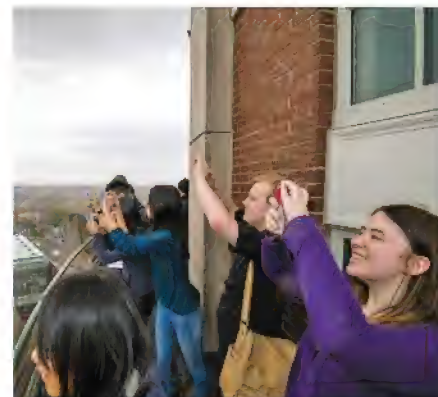
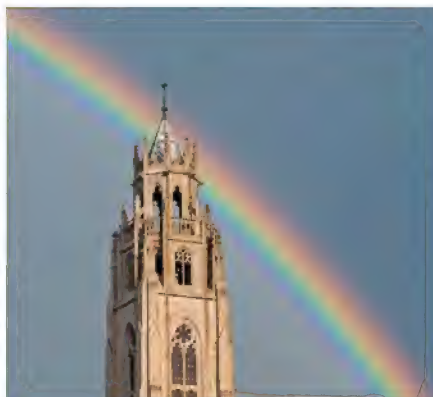
Located in upstate New York, the University of Rochester offers more than 200 academic majors to nearly 10,500 undergraduate and graduate students. The university prides itself on its personal scale, with smaller classes, a low 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and increased interactions with faculty.

The university is also noted for its Eastman School of Music and is home to the Institute of Optics. Founded in 1929, the institute was the first educational program in the US devoted exclusively to optics. Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics is home to the second most energetic fusion laser in the world.

Kappa Alpha Theta will join five National Panhellenic Conference groups on campus: Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, and Kappa Delta.



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Save the Dates! June 23 – 26, 2016

The Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona will host Theta's 72ND Grand Convention.

The schedule will include traditional favorites — the chapter recognition dinner, Nikê, and the Convention banquet — plus exciting new opportunities for more networking and leadership education.

Look for more Convention information in future issues of the Theta magazine and at kappaalphatheta.org.



WAYS OF THE WORLD

TRACEY CARISCH, B/INDIANA, AND FAMILY MAPPED OUT A 15-MONTH, SERVICE-BASED ITINERARY THAT TRANSLATED TO 25 COUNTRIES, 100 PROJECTS, AND COUNTLESS LIFE-CHANGING LESSONS.

BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, A/ILLINOIS



There's a tale Tracey Long Carisch often tells. Adapted from *The Star Thrower* by Loren Eiseley, it's called "The Starfish Story."

A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean.

"Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" he asks.

"Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them further in they will die."

"But, old man, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it! You can't possibly save them all. You can't even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won't make any difference at all."

"The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and threw it into the sea."

"It made a difference to that one."

For Carisch, Beta/Indiana University, "The Starfish Story" links directly to the worldview she shares with her husband, Brian, and their three young daughters.

"Problems can seem so massive and depressing that you wonder what you can possibly do, and apathy develops," Carisch says. "Maybe you can't help the whole world, but you *can* help."

In April 2014, Carisch began writing her own version of the starfish story, one she dubbed "100 Ways to Change the World." She and Brian sold their Chattanooga, Tennessee, house, along with most of their possessions. What didn't sell went into storage. Carisch traded a career in organizational change management and community initiative implementation to home-school her daughters (ages six, eight, and 11) and serve as the family's travel agent. Brian, who owns his own software development business, prepared to stretch telecommuting to its limits.

Then, armed with four suitcases and five backpacks, the Carisches stepped out of their comfort zone and into a 15-month odyssey. They outlined the places they wanted to visit—Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and South and Central America—but had no firm itinerary.

The only caveat: Wherever they stayed, they'd pick up a starfish.

"Our trip was about service, but we also wanted to learn more about the world and our place in it," says Carisch, who blogged regularly about the family's experiences. "Sometimes we think the world is a dangerous place, but the bad things that happen are only a tiny sliver of what we experience on this planet."

"Everywhere we went people were kind, genuine, and welcoming."

LEAPS OF FAITH

Growing up, her family's travels fell into the traditional, once-a-year summer vacations, but Carisch recalls an early curiosity and awareness of global environments and connections within them. She grew up in Effingham, Illinois, and her decision to attend Indiana University reflected a strong family history: several

relatives were IU graduates, and her mother, grandmother, and two great-grandmothers were members of Theta's Beta Chapter.

"Theta suited my personality," she says. "The women took classes and careers very seriously, but they were artistic and liked to have fun, too."

In Theta, Carisch also felt enveloped by a sense of continuity. Both her mother and grandmother had lived in the chapter facility, and their composites lined the upstairs walls. The year Carisch served as chapter CEO, her grandmother was on the facility corporation board and frequently attended chapter meetings.

"Much of what I learned in college, I learned from Theta," explains Carisch, who earned a degree in computer information systems from the IU School of Business. "My entire career has focused on networking, public speaking, and resolving issues among people."

"Everything I did at Theta prepared me for that."

Tracey Long found a kindred spirit in Brian Carisch, and they married two years after graduation. "We bring out a sense of adventure in each other," she says. "If one of us has an idea, the other basically says, 'Let's do it!'"

As their daughters went through grade school, the couple felt a need to pause and re-evaluate. "I thought we were a pretty balanced family but, looking back, we were in a rat race," says Carisch, referring to school and extra-curricular activities, along with social obligations. "We needed to slow down—to stop keeping up and stop feeling like every activity or enrichment class might give our daughters an edge in life."

"I wanted to focus on our time as a family and to give that the value it deserved. I came to the gradual realization that we didn't have to follow a set plan. We could do something very different that would be all about our family, and shaping it the way it's supposed to be."

Carisch recalls the tipping point came after she made a particularly well-received speech to a local community organization. Her dream job, she told Brian, would be to simply show up and talk to different groups about topics of interest. His reply: "Then let's really give you something to talk about. Let's have a unique experience, and see where it leads."

At that juncture, exploring the world turned from pipe dream to probability.

The couple decided to travel only to countries that were considered safe. They had friends and family in some of the places they planned to visit, but when they didn't, they'd opt for online vacation homes or apartment rentals. As the designated travel agent, Carisch would plan two or three countries ahead of their current location. "We wanted to do this while I could still home-school the girls and, fortunately, I felt I could handle fifth grade math!" she adds.

But even after they put their house on the market, the couple still felt something was missing. "We needed a guiding force to keep us focused," Carisch recalls. "It had to be more than 'Let's just get around the world.'"

Again, public speaking provided the answer. Carisch attended a conference at which presenters discussed their volunteer projects and challenged participants to set lofty goals for community service. "I came home

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Want more?
100waystochangetheworld.com



and told Brian, 'I have an idea . . .'"

One Hundred Ways To Change The World was born.

"Without the community service piece, we would have simply been tourists, doing our own thing," Carisch reflects. "Volunteering in new places allowed us to really get to know a community. It was a way to gain knowledge about people, problems, and opportunities.

"We all have it in us to take a leap of faith and get out of our comfort zone."

WORLDS AWAY

The world turned, and from Norway to Ethiopia, Cambodia to Croatia, and dozens of destinations in between, the Carisch's family life revolved around adventure, new friendships, and nature's beauty. They hiked towering fjords in Norway and the unusual Barrenjoey Lighthouse trail in Sydney; saw Venice by boat; braved an elephant riding tour in Thailand, and a deep sea bull shark dive in Fiji. While in Andorra, they experienced the Nit de Sant Joan (Night of Saint John) festival. At a Multicultural Family Fun Day at a playground in Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland, they prepared and shared samples of their own culture: pans of apple crisp and crust-less peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Service projects ranged from scooping dog messes at a local animal shelter to making dozens of sandwiches

for The Mobile Kindy program, a kindergarten-preparedness initiative that takes preschool teachers, volunteers, and learning materials out to impoverished villages on the outskirts of Suva, Fiji.

They stayed at each destination anywhere from two to six weeks and the longer they traveled, the more fluid the itinerary. "At first, I ran two months ahead with my planning," says Carisch, "but by the time we were in New Zealand, I was looking for hotels a few nights ahead. And while we were in Thailand, we heard great things about Cambodia, so we decided to go there."

The family's time in Ethiopia brought profound revelations and life lessons, says Carisch, particularly since initial doubts had been hard to overcome:

"It's hard to believe there was a time we considered cancelling our trip to Ethiopia," she blogged. "Things happening thousands of miles away from Addis Ababa almost kept us away. Ebola in western Africa; school girls getting kidnapped in Nigeria; violence at various African borders; vague travel warnings issued by the State Department. It all sounded legitimately frightening from afar. We'd researched this part of our trip so extensively, talked with people living in the city, learned everything we might need to know as a family going to the continent. Our logic told us this would be a safe and incredibly valuable experience for our family. Yet, our fears nagged at us with unfounded what-ifs and paranoid possibilities. Luckily, we managed to

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Without the community service piece, we would have simply been tourists, doing our own thing," Carisch reflects. "Volunteering in new places allowed us to really get to know a community. It was a way to gain knowledge about people, problems, and opportunities.

Below: Planting native seeds as part of a habitat restoration project in New Zealand; camping in Ethiopia with a group of volunteers who work to develop environmental sustainability and poverty alleviation; and preparing sandwiches for Mobile Kindy, a program for disadvantaged children in Suva, Fiji.





focus on the facts and not on our fear....”

They also tapped into an enviable spirit within this rugged African country, home to about 94 million residents.

“Poverty does not equate to violence,” she reflects. “There’s deterioration and sadness, but also a huge amount of beauty, faith, and gratitude for life. Too often in first-world countries, we don’t stop to appreciate what we have.”

Prior to her family’s world travels, much of Carisch’s career focused on the STEM/STEAM education movement—collaborating with teachers and business partners to improve student learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Her inner educational “change agent” recognized a strategy at work in Ethiopia that she feels could improve outcomes for US students.

“We worked with several programs in Ethiopia that provide complete wrap-around services to children in poverty,” Carisch says. “These programs realized that children’s success in the classroom, and ultimately their path to a productive adult life, often has very little to do with what’s actually happening in the school. If a student is hungry, sick, fearful, or malnourished, he or she won’t be able to learn.

“Therefore, these organizations work to provide students with full medical care, nutritional programs throughout the entire week, clothing, and parental support services,” she adds. “By meeting basic life needs, they see an incredibly high success rate in getting children out of poverty.

“When addressing ‘student success’ in our educational system, the US continues to put its focus on what’s happening in the classroom, while very few resources go toward supporting basic life. Many educators understand poverty to be the biggest hurdle in educating our future generation, yet our country attempts to improve educational outcomes with continuous curriculum changes and new teaching strategies.

“We seem to be missing the root cause of the problem.”

LIVING THE LESSONS

When they return to the United States this summer, the Carisches will make their new home in Dillon, Colorado. But they’ve proved that anyplace in the world can feel like home and, collectively, they’ll continue to serve many corners of the globe.

“I provided feedback on the strategic plan for a financial cooperative in Ethiopia while we were in Thailand,” says Carisch. “While there, I also created some accounting reporting tools for an artisans guild

in Ethiopia. In Chile, I finished up some volunteer materials for a children’s organization in Cambodia.

“Having already done work (for these organizations) remotely, I know I’ll keep that going when we return to the United States.”

Her daughters are equally committed. Eleven-year-old Emily has already launched a website—www.kidshelpinghands.org—that encourages youngsters to volunteer. She’d like to see the site’s functionality expand, so kids can team up toward common fundraising goals. Carisch describes Ali, age six, as “obsessed” with the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a collection of marine debris, mostly plastics, in the North Pacific Ocean from the west coast of North America to Japan. She’s challenged her family to give up all plastics for a month, and plans to make a video about the process. Eight-year-old Liv seeks out service projects that cater to animals.

“Everything was new and different and strange, and we were our own little team, navigating through it,” says Carisch of their intense, around-the-clock family time. “I feel I know Brian and my children so much better now, and I see what will and won’t make them happy.

“That knowledge will change the way I mold our daughters.”

Carisch predicts that change will be the family’s only constant for months after their return. “It’ll be a shock coming back to the United States and returning to the way we live our lives in America, with big cars, big stores, and a fast pace. I think our lives will be different than before—the type of house we choose, our priorities, and the ways we structure time for our family.

“The areas I was so intense about before will have a different perspective. We’ll all realize how much we’ve changed, and we’ll have to adjust to a new paradigm.”

While nomadic, globe-trotting travel might not be feasible for most families, Carisch feels any level of adventure is good for the soul.

“We learned to let go, have faith, see where life takes us, and not plan so much. I saw my daughters gain confidence, knowing that they can go into an unusual circumstance and come out thriving.

“I think it would be great if every family was able to go overseas once. Or perhaps consider swapping a trip to Disney World for a family service project trip.

“The world is truly a fun and fascinating place to see.” ◇

Above: the Carisch family in Ireland, with the Cliffs of Moher in the background; Tracey in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Brian and Tracey in Pula, Croatia; Tracey on a helicopter tour of the three largest peaks and three largest glaciers of New Zealand; the Carisch family in Preikostolen, Norway.

About the author: **Jan Schmitz Mathew, Delta/Illinois**, is a professional freelancer who has been contributing to theTheta magazine since 1997. After the loss of her father, Roger Schmitz, to ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) in October 2013, she started her own “starfish story,” volunteering and fundraising on behalf of families battling this fatal condition.

DORIS BERGEN, PHD, AT/OHIO STATE, IS PRESENTLY A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY EMERITA AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY AND HAS SERVED AS A FACULTY MEMBER AND AS A GRADUATE DEAN AT A NUMBER OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. DR. BERGEN RECEIVED A NATIONAL AWARD AS OUTSTANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EDUCATOR FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EDUCATORS, AND SHE WAS SELECTED AS A NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE VISITING SCHOLAR TO CHINA, WHERE SHE STUDIED CHINESE EARLY EDUCATION. HER CAREER IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IS THAT OF A ...

LEADING WOMAN

DORIS BERGEN, AT/OHIO STATE

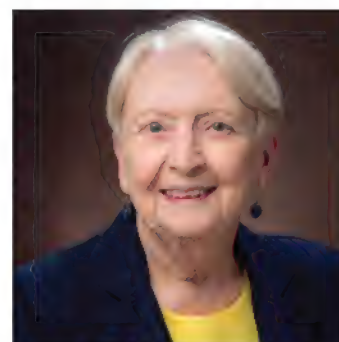
In addition to teaching a range of courses related to learning theories, human development, assessment, educational psychology, and early childhood play and education, Dr. Bergen has conducted research on cross-cultural programs for young children, development of play and humor in early and middle childhood, effects of technology-enhanced toys, adult memories of childhood play, social interactions of children with special needs, effects of early phonological awareness levels on later reading, and gifted children's humor development.

To facilitate interdisciplinary research and evaluation projects, Dr. Bergen founded and served as co-director of Miami University's Center for Human Development, Learning, and Technology. The Center was named in her honor at her retirement.

She has published more than 60 articles and book chapters, as well as 13 books. The latest, which is in production, focuses on developmental issues related to technology play and its potential effects on brain development. "Human play has been an essential element in the developmental progress of the human species," says Dr. Bergen. "Play is still a major factor in promoting children's cognitive as well as other areas of development. My recent work has focused on how the changing play environment of children may affect their future development."

Kappa Alpha Theta was founded, in part, to help women succeed academically in a predominately male environment. In fact, accepted wisdom in the 1870s was that women who attempted college-level studies were risking their physical health! Even today, young girls may receive messages that make them believe they will not be good at certain types of learning, and they may not have opportunities for hands-on mechanical learning. "Many of these barriers have been lifted, however," Dr. Bergen points out, "primarily due to the women who have met these challenges and succeeded. Membership in Theta has often provided an encouraging environment and great models of achievement for young women to reach their potential."

Theta nurtures leading women, reinforcing their confidence in their own abilities and knowledge. "Leading women can make a difference in academia, business, the arts or sciences, or any other field. They may also choose to lead in volunteer work and in their home community. Their influence and importance results not from seeing themselves as important or seeking leading roles but results from their ability to see that good ideas are needed, hard work is required, and strong encouragement and mentoring of others is essential." ♦



DR. DORIS BERGEN,
AT/OHIO STATE

Louise Lev Geil

A THETA OF NOTE



LOUISE LEV GEIL, BETA IOTA/COLORADO, SERVED KAPPA ALPHA THETA AS ALUMNAE DISTRICT PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF GRAND COUNCIL FOR THREE TERMS. CURRENTLY, SHE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER AND OFFICER OF THE FLATIRONS ALUMNAE CHAPTER. IN ADDITION, GEIL IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC TRAVELER; HER LATEST ADVENTURE TOOK HER TREKKING IN NEPAL.

TELL US ABOUT TREKKING. WHAT IS THE BEST THING AND THE WORST THING?

My trek in the Everest region of Nepal in 2013 was a bigger adventure than I ever imagined, with one guide book describing it as "seeing Everest the hard way." We climbed two mountain passes more than 17,000 feet each and one at 18,200 feet. The approaches to the pass summits were very steep and the descents daunting. We hiked more than 100 miles and stayed above 15,000 feet for two weeks. There were some good trails, but mostly we scrambled over seemingly endless rocks as well as snow fields and glaciers. It was unseasonably cold, and although we stayed in lodges, no lodge has heat. I slept for nearly two weeks in full long underwear, wool socks, a hat and a down jacket, all inside my sleeping bag.

So the worst thing was simply how physically challenging it was in a myriad of ways, but the best thing was what I got to see. Even at 18,000 feet, the mountains tower above you in stunning beauty as you stand in the vast wilderness. There was a hanging glacier on one massive face whose ice layers glistened in the sunshine like a million diamonds. The behemoth mountains and valleys, along with the gentle people, permeate one's soul. Oh, yes, the other best thing: that I was able to summon some unknown inner resources to actually do this!

WHAT WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD AMBITION?

At one point I dreamed of raising horses, and as I got a bit older, I dreamed of being a fashion designer. (I was an avid seamstress as a teen.)

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

My four kids. They are each unique adults, but caring, competent people who do excellent work in their very different fields.

WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

Most of my Theta friends can converse easily with anyone. I wish I had that skill!

IF YOU COULD INVITE ANYONE—LIVING OR DEAD—TO DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE?

I'll go with deceased family members. In particular, I'd love to sit down to dinner with my paternal great-grandparents who left their native Russia in the 1800s, coming through Ellis Island for a new life in this country. I'd also invite my maternal great-grandparents, particularly my great-grandmother. She and I share the same birthday and apparently very similar tastes. When I married in 1966 I carefully chose my silver flatware, as brides of the day did. Years later I discovered that my great-grandmother chose the very same Gorham pattern nearly 100 years earlier.

LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT ...

... I've trekked in Nepal—twice—or that I am a good skier, able to ski the "black" slopes and many "double blacks." (Black diamonds identify more difficult/expert runs.)

WHAT DOES THE PHRASE LEADING WOMEN MEAN TO YOU?

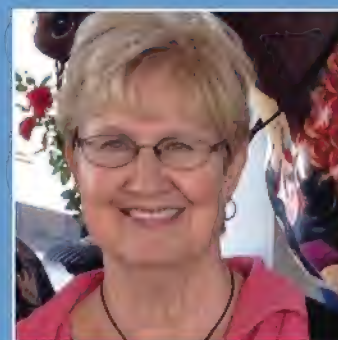
It means always pushing boundaries ... in a good way. Always striving for improvement, always learning, always looking ahead, and bringing others along by the power of one's commitment.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Enjoying a good time together, supporting each other in difficult times, a positive outlook, trustworthiness, loyalty, ability to laugh at things.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

I have so many great memories, but I will choose Founders Day in 2013, when I celebrated 50 years as a Theta. My daughter, **KIM, PHI DEUTERON/STANFORD**, celebrated her 25th anniversary the same year. We hadn't realized we would reach these significant milestones together until the prior year, so though she doesn't live in Colorado, she flew to Boulder. I was the chairman of Founders Day, and Kim and I interviewed each other. We got to celebrate together in the Beta Iota chapter house where I lived as a college student. Wonderful! ♦



LOUISE LEV GEIL, BI/COLORADO

"The earthquake in Nepal this spring caused devastating loss of life and property. I can't imagine the pain the entire country is experiencing, and the over-whelming recovery process. My thoughts are with everyone there, especially the wonderful people I got to meet."



KAΘ DAY of SERVICE

October 19

Thetas around the globe are Linked Heart to Heart on the Fraternity's Day of Service each October 19. In honor of Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday, we strive to impact the lives of others and improve our campuses and communities.

Now in its seventh year, Day of Service links Theta collegians and alumnae heart to heart as they join together to spread the widest influence for good. Thank you to all the Thetas who are planning to make the 2015 Day of Service another success!



Day of Service is about taking time out of our busy lives one day a year to purposefully spread the widest influence for good to Thetas and non-Thetas alike. Really, it's the power of one multiplied by 200,000 – the number of living, initiated members around the world.

October 19





Since its inception, Theta's Day of Service has continued to grow. College and alumnae chapters organize events for their members, but individual Thetas also participate. No act of service is too small! Imagine the impact our Fraternity could have if every Theta gave just a little bit of her time to help those in need.

Some successful projects from past years include:

Supporting a "green" project on your campus or in your community

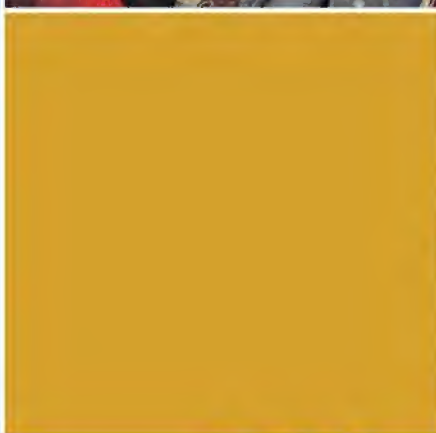
Educating people on a worthy cause (such as CASA)

Volunteering at a local grade school

Walking dogs at a local animal shelter

Reading to a child

Sorting clothing or donations at a homeless shelter



Not sure how to get started?

The Day of Service page on the Fraternity website has step-by-step instructions, tips, templates, and much more! What will you do this year to spread the widest influence for good?

kappaalphatheta.org



Sisters BY CHOICE

BY ZAHRA SAKKEJHA, ΓE/WESTERN ONTARIO, LAURA RICHARDSON, ΒT/DENSION, AND KRISTIN QUARTUCCIO
SCHOPAC, HI/SAN DIEGO

When you joined Theta, you began a lifelong sisterhood with more than 256,000 strong, intelligent, leading women. You can help support the Theta experience for future generations by paying your annual alumnae dues today.

Here's how you can pay your \$30 alumnae dues:

- Log in to kappaalphatheta.org and choose Alumnae Dues from the list of Common Quick Links on the left;
- Call 800-526-1870;
- Join an alumnae chapter.



TO-DO LIST

Connect with Theta After Graduation

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☐ 1 Change Your Email Address

Your college email address will expire before long, and you should start thinking about how you want your email address to reflect your personal and professional brand. Create a new permanent personal email address and update it on Theta's website (log in to kappaalphatheta.org and choose Update Your Personal Information in the list of Related Links on the right.) And while you're at it, update your address and city, too.

☐ 2 Stay Connected



Theta doesn't miss a beat when it comes to social media. Make sure to follow along!

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta

INSTAGRAM www.instagram.com/Kappa_Alpha_Theta

LINKEDIN <https://www.linkedin.com/company/346988/?trk=prof-exp-company-name>

PINTEREST www.pinterest.com/KappaAlphaTheta

TWITTER www.twitter.com/BettieLocke

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☐ 3 Make New Friends

Don't wait for them to come to you; log into kappaalphatheta.org and choose Find a College Chapter or Alumnae Group from the list of Common Quick Links on the left. Reach out to the local contacts to learn more about opportunities for networking, philanthropic projects, social events, and community involvement.

☐ 4 Get Involved

In addition to organized alumnae groups, Theta has a multitude of ways to be involved as an alumna. To learn more about opportunities that will fit your schedule and needs, log in to kappaalphatheta.org; under the Alumnae tab, choose Reconnect with Theta and then Volunteer Opportunities. On the same page, you can find an Alumnae Interest Indicator to let Fraternity officers know about your interests.

☐ 5 Blaze Your Own Path

Are there no alumnae groups or college advisory boards in your area? Consider starting your own alumnae circle or alumnae chapter! There are plenty of resources on kappaalphatheta.org, including the Alumnae Group Toolkit. Email aluminfo@kappaalphatheta.org for more information on how to get the ball rolling.

☐ 6 Go Global

Are you living abroad? Visit Facebook and search for Kappa Alpha Theta Global Alumnae to find Thetas in whatever country you're currently calling home!

☐ 7 Start Networking

However you choose to be involved in Theta after graduation, make the most of it! Theta alumnae are a group of seriously talented and accomplished women, so take the time to get to know those in your area. You'll be surprised how eager they are to meet new grads like you!

Congratulations!

You've worked hard and played hard, and it's finally paid off. You've graduated from college and have reached the oh-so-coveted status of "alumna."

This can be a scary transition, but don't fret! The above to-do list is designed to make your transition into alumna-hood that much easier.

Now that you're equipped with your to-do list, it's time to take a deep breath and jump in! Good luck, alumnae!

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY

BY JENNY NICHOLS, Ψ/WISCONSIN, AND MARY LINCOLN CAMPBELL, AX/PURDUE

Celebrating Kappa Alpha Theta; lifetime sisterhood; and decades of imbuing young women with a commitment to social, intellectual, and moral growth, alumnae and collegians from the **PSI CHAPTER** at **WISCONSIN** and the **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER** at **PURDUE** gathered to mark milestone anniversaries this spring.

Milestone anniversaries both generate excitement and evoke reflection as Thetas honor the generations of women who have built our chapters and Fraternity into what they are today and simultaneously anticipate the growth in spirit and wisdom that will come from today's and succeeding generations of college women.

Ψ
Wisconsin

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Nearly 400 members of Psi met in Madison, Wisconsin, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the chapter's founding. At a meet-and-greet on Friday night, old friends connected after a few or many years. On Saturday, current collegians proudly showcased the beautiful Psi facility for alumnae and their guests. Many archival items and scrapbooks were on display, and alumnae enjoyed seeing their old rooms and finding photographs from their college days. Saturday evening featured a gala at the Masonic Center; Fraternity Vice President **ABBEY MANSFIELD RUBY, BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE**, and Theta Foundation President **MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS, BETA KAPPA/DRAKE**, congratulated attendees on Psi's rich history and lauded the recent achievements of college members. Attendees were recognized for years of membership—from less than one to more than 60—and the weekend concluded with a lovely ritual service.



AX/PURDUE

In West Lafayette, Indiana, Alpha Chi's weekend celebration included class reunions for the 300 attendees, a showcase of books and artwork created by members, guided campus tours that raised money for CASA, a tea and fashion show highlighting couture from the past century, a gala banquet in the Purdue Memorial Union, and a farewell brunch in the chapter facility. The banquet began with a congratulations from Fraternity President **LAURA WARE DOERRE, DELTA XI/**

NORTH CAROLINA and welcome from Purdue President Mitch Daniels. Special guests at the banquet included **CAROLE CONES BRADFIELD, ALPHA/DEPAUW**, **BETTIE LOCKE HAMILTON'S** great-granddaughter, and three descendants of Alpha Chi's founders: **NANCY CROCKETT INCE, BETA/INDIANA**; **SARA ENGLISH CROOK, BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE**; and **REBECCA ENGLISH**

D'ALLEINNE, BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE.

The highlight of the weekend was the completion of a capital campaign that raised more than \$1 million to nearly fulfill the mortgage on the facility as well as fund a much-needed first-floor renovation. Also in honor of the anniversary, four scholarships were awarded to Alpha Chi collegians, recognizing scholarship, leadership, and service. ♦



framing

when looking through the viewfinder, think of it as looking through a picture frame to “frame” the shot.

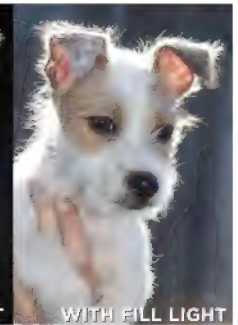
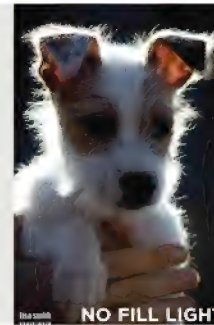


focus

for people or animals, focus should be targeted on the nearest eye on the subject.

fill light

with flash (not too close) or reflection, fill light brings the subject out of the dark when there is strong background light.



AFTER WORKING IN CORPORATE JOBS AND RAISING A FAMILY WHILE ALSO TAKING WHAT SEEMED LIKE A LIFETIME-WORTH OF PICTURES, **LISA SMITH, DELTA KAPPA/LSU**, IS PURSUING PHOTOGRAPHY AS A CAREER. SHE CAN'T BELIEVE SHE DIDN'T THINK OF THIS EARLIER IN LIFE!

BY LISA GEBKEN THIBAUT, EI/WESTMINSTER

Whether using a smartphone, a point-and-shoot camera, or a DSLR, all photographers face the same challenges. Following good practices will help improve your chances for getting great pictures. Here are some of the best ways to improve your results.

BLUR HAPPENS—A LOT! IT USUALLY RESULTS FROM ONE OF TWO CAUSES.

1 The automatic focus is aimed just beyond your subject. Be sure to focus on the subject's face or the detail that needs to be sharp. In a group shot, this is generally the face closest to the camera.

2 The subject or the camera is moving, or the action is faster than the camera.

- The lower the light, the longer the shutter has to stay open to make an exposure—then you get blur! Increase the light as much as possible to allow faster shutter speed and quick image capture; opt for a brighter location or add light.

- Get closer to your subject. For sports or indoor action, try to leverage a nearby position from which to shoot.

- Steady yourself and the camera as much as possible—lean against a wall or tree or securely prop the camera on a support and carefully press the shutter button.

- Note that automatic camera settings for Sports will allow maximum shutter speed and light sensitivity, but there are still limits. Night settings may result in blur, with slower shutter speeds. Experiment with these settings to find the best results before you are in a one-time-only picture opportunity!

LIGHTEN UP! GET AS MUCH GOOD LIGHT AS YOU CAN.

1 Select a spot with an even, moderate amount of light. A shady spot on a bright day—under an umbrella on the beach, the shaded side of a building, or under a tree—is ideal. Try to get everyone in the

same light; if half your subjects are in the sun and half are in the shade, half of them will not look so good!

2 The dark shape of a person standing and looking out toward the sunset on a beach can be pretty cool. But it's not so cool if you didn't mean to create that effect! If the subject of your photograph is dark with a bright light behind her, your camera will adjust for the bright light and leave your subject in the dark. This is a good case for fill light from a flash or reflector.

- To soften light from a flash, hold a piece of tissue paper in front of the flash. This will help avoid harsh, unflattering contrasts. You can also back away further from your subject and zoom in on them to soften the flash. You shouldn't use flash when you're taking a picture of a subject in the distance and there are subjects closer to you. For instance, if you take a picture of a concert stage, the flash will light up the back of the people in front of you! This is not good.

- To bounce light onto the darker side of the subject, use the light from a nearby window or a white piece of paper or fabric.

COMPOSE YOURSELF!

- Frame it. When you look through the viewfinder, imagine that the viewfinder is a frame for the photo. Look to see that the entire space is filled and balanced. You don't want the group to be herded to the side of the picture, or to cut some people out because you weren't looking through the viewfinder and adjusting your aim.

- Change your point of view. As you frame your picture, consider how the view best fits in the frame. For long, vertical subjects, try turning the camera vertically for a “portrait” orientation. Flattering people photos are usually shot from the mid-chest or shoulders up. For shots that are wider than they are high, or a group of people, turn the camera horizontally for a “landscape” orientation. For large groups, the camera will be at a greater distance and more likely include full-body pictures. ◇



LISA SMITH, ΔK/LSU

Want more?
See Lisa Smith's work on
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Do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?
If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, website specialist,
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We'd love to hear from you!



“DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON MY FAMILY HISTORY?”

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, CA, AX/PURDUE

THE ARCHIVE INCREASINGLY RECEIVES GENEALOGICAL REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE WHO ARE SEEKING INFORMATION ON A GRANDMOTHER, AUNT, OR OTHER THETA RELATIVE.

So how would the Theta archive be able to answer these types of requests? We have several sources, and the first is the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. From articles written about notable Thetas to chapter letters, past issues of the magazine contain a wealth of information about members.

Chapter letters—published in each of the quarterly issues from the beginning of the magazine in 1885 until the 1960s—contain information about both new members (sometimes even references to other Theta family members) and initiated members, noting their activities in campus groups and events and honors bestowed upon them. For many years, each chapter letter would conclude with a listing of marriages, engagements, and births, as well as occupational and travel tidbits of its members. If the chapter letter didn't mention individuals, it at least gives a taste of what campus and chapter life was like during the period the family member attended the school.

The second source is the archive catalog (available to members via heritage.kappaalphatheta.org), which may also list objects associated with Thetas, particularly photographs. As the archive catalogs more materials, the database is constantly expanding with new and relevant information.

A final source—outside the Theta archive—is university archives and special collections for specific campuses. Many universities have extensive collections on student life. Some have digitized their yearbooks and student newspapers, as well as other items in their collections that can be accessed via their website. Even if digitized content is not yet available online, it is worth an email or phone call to see what information may be available about a family member.

So if you are interested in your family history or are trying to track down the history of a Theta from the past, do not forget to consider the Fraternity archive as a source. ♦

About the author: Noraleen Young, AX/Purdue, Theta's project archivist, has researched her own family, her husband's family, and many Thetas of the past to gain a better understanding of how individuals were touched by the larger forces of history.

Above left: EMMA LANE VOTEY and her daughters, FLORENCE, RUTH, CONSTANCE and DOROTHY, all members of LAMBDA/VERMONT, circa 1917. Above right: mothers and daughters attending the 1934 Grand Convention in Asheville, North Carolina. Below: RHO/NEBRASKA chapter letter, *Theta Magazine*, November 1936.



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25 YEARS

KAΘ & CASA

I'M GOING TO TRY

BY ELISE CONNOR ROWAN, Γ/BUTLER

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY BETWEEN KAPPA ALPHA THETA AND COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)! WE CELEBRATE BY SHARING STORIES OF CASA'S WORK, CURRENT AND PAST FOSTER CHILDREN, AND HOW YOU CAN COMMEMORATE THIS MILESTONE.

After beating back my curiosity for a few years, I took the plunge last October to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. A number of vexing questions had prohibited me from signing up sooner. Among them: 1) Do I really have time for this? 2) What if I have to move unexpectedly and abandon my case? 3) And maybe most importantly, how can I really help a child in foster care?

For a while, my answers weren't compelling. But over time, something shifted. Perhaps I was caught up in the spirit of CASA and Theta's 25th anniversary. Perhaps I also felt a desire to contribute to my community in a more meaningful way. (The widest influence for good was calling!)

So when those questions came up this past October, I thought: 1) I'm busy, but there's always time for something if you prioritize it; 2) All CASA asks is a year-long commitment to a case, the same amount of time as a standard lease; and 3) I have no idea if I can make a difference in a child's life ... but I'm going to try.

Training began in October. We met every other Saturday for eight weeks. In between, we completed online training modules. I learned about my role as a CASA and about topics that may affect children in foster care, such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, human trafficking and discrimination. We got up to speed on cultural competency; what activities are appropriate to do with youths of varying ages; and what it's like to work with a social worker,

attorney, and various actors assigned to the child's case. We role-played and practiced how to introduce ourselves to our newly assigned CASA youth and how to describe our role. We heard success stories about parents reuniting with their children and about real cases where a CASA volunteer made a difference.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that our curriculum centered on social justice issues about which I care deeply. I expected mountains of paper on complex legal topics; instead, we watched Ted Talks by domestic violence survivors and listened to podcasts about issues that youth encounter in the foster care system.

Many Theta friends are surprised to learn that you don't have to be an attorney to be a CASA. You don't even have to have any experience working with children. You only have to be 21 to go through training, and you have to be tenacious and eager to form a relationship with a child who's been disappointed by adults entrusted with his or her care.

It seems like a tall order. And let's be honest, it is. Just five months into my new role, I still find myself questioning what I have to offer my 14 year-old CASA youth, a girl who, like me, enjoys bowling, buffalo chicken wings and Katy Perry singalongs. But we are forming a connection that could allow me to contribute meaningfully to her life.

I may doubt my ability to make a difference, but in reality, we Leading Women are powerful beyond measure. Exhibit A: On May 5, Thetas everywhere came together to raise more than \$28,000 in just 25 hours for CASA. Those funds will support 27 children in foster care by providing training for 27 new advocates.

Just think: What if those 27 CASAs were Thetas? ◇

About the author: Elise Connor Rowan, Gamma/Butler, is communications officer at Nuclear Threat Initiative. She currently volunteers for Theta's service and philanthropy efforts and recently represented the Fraternity at the 2015 National CASA Conference.

STORIES SOUGHT

We need your help to tell the story of Theta and CASA! Theta wants to highlight members and chapters who support, advocate, and volunteer for this great cause. Do you have a successful signature philanthropy event? Do you volunteer at your local CASA's events and programs? Do you plan an educational opportunity for your chapter to learn more about CASA? Do you work for CASA or volunteer as an advocate? If so, we want to know! Send your stories and photos to CASA@kappaalphatheta.org.



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Verna M. Meyer; 1949, May 2015
Elizabeth Hedges Witteveen; 1941, September 2014

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Doris Graham Lyons; 1951, April 2015
Jamison Dubnick Manning; 1999, April 2015

Δ/ILLINOIS

Judy Starr Confer; 1959, October 2014
Judith Hoggatt Manning; 1952, June 2015
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Diane Rutter Nargiz Wieland; 1951, January 2015

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Judith Gallup Quirk; 1951, November 2012

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Edwina Leathern Brown; 1946, January 2015

K/KANSAS

Celia Kilgore Brown; 1950, February 2015
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Mary Boardman Ciaschini; 1943, February 2015

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Margaret Price Herten; 1938, March 2015
Sally Pryor McClure; 1953, July 2014
Diane Connolly Moise; 1947, April 2015
Adele Rowland; 1936, May 2015
Claire Atwater Stuart; 1951, March 2015
Ada Clarke Watson; 1946, April 2015
Joan Davis Wismer; 1958, March 2015

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Susan Peterson King; 1950, January 2015
Catharine Carson Sotzing; 1942, November 2014

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Bond Davis DeLoache; 1939, December 2014

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Louisa Mahone Donoghue; 1963, April 2015
Sue Heatly; 1957, March 2015
Laura Dyke Jackson; 1956, January 2015
Marian McKenzie Langford; 1949, February 2015
Elizabeth Fruit Metzenthin; 1944, March 2015
Carol Hamilton Nicklaus; 1954, November 2014
Carolyn Neal Simpson; 1950, February 2015

Shawn Carpenter Smith; 1960, February 2015
Suzanne Hampton Spillman; 1957, March 2015

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Nancy Brosnahan Brooker; 1960, March 2015
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Janet Wilson Pressly; 1952, March 2015

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Nancy Gaveney Dowd; 1948, February 2015

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Frances Brooks Hixon; 1941, February 2015
Sue Scull McDermott; 1955, May 2014

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ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Kathleen Ormea Aalfs; 1959, February 2015

ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Lorraine Glover Bentley; 1948, March 2015
Ida Mae Kirtland Dodson; 1937, February 2015

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Marguerite Zumbiel Blakeman; 1992, April 2015
Jean Davies Finke; 1947, April 2015
Susan Nagel Sauer; 1964, October 2014
Dorothy Dunn Waugh; 1949, February 2015

ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Mary Linscott Duncan; 1933, May 2014
Beverly Bailey Hightower; 1962, June 2015

ΑΦ/TULANE

Angela Runnels Andrade; 1993, March 2015
Jacqueline Lolan Bartlett; 1947, January 2014
Letitia Torian Robinson; 1949, November 2014
Margaret Devereux Marshall Slatter; 1946, January 2015
Sara New St Angelo; 1972, October 2014

ΑΧ/PURDUE

Roberta Craig Bitzer; 1940, March 2015
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Joan Smith Ruddy; 1946, October 2014

ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH

Garnet McMarlin Burns; 1943, December 2014

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ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Dorothy Dexter Cummins; 1949, March 2014
Julie McKeivitt Graf; 1975, June 2014

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ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Nadine Korlann Francis; 1942, December 2014
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Marilyn Kelly Brown; 1944, March 2015
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Jane Devries Cooper; 1984, March 2015
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Alice Barnes Fecho; 1950, February 2015
Marian Brown Forsyth; 1941, March 2015
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Susan Cooper Howe; 1966, September 2014
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Eloise Mitchell Platz; 1947, December 2014
Merle Whyte Webb; 1934, January 2015

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Ruth Jolly Barrows; 1941, March 2015
Charlotte Newlin Deupree; 1937, April 2015
Terry Sokoll; 1976, April 2015

ΒΣ/SMU

Betty Canon Robb; 1949, January 2015

ΒΤ/DENISON

Suzanne Covington Briganti; 1951, May 2014
Mary Ruth Weigel Deetz; 1949, May 2014
Frances Starbuck Foster; 1950, June 2014
Judy Brown Kemp; 1954, February 2015
Evelyn Rose Gair Kuhn; 1943, May 2014
Jane Geyer Laird; 1952, March 2015
Ruth Ann Wooden Roudebush; 1950, February 2015

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Carol Price Graham; 1945, March 2015

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Nancy Gupton Aitken; 1942, May 2015

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Jacquelyn Herring Higgins; 1970, May 2014
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Jane Bowden Moore; 1942, November 2014

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Elaine Marcey Anderson; 1965, March 2015

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ΓΙ/KENTUCKY

Betty Sellers Pinson Bebbington; 1947, February 2015

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Barbara Marie Tyson; 1978, April 2015

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Elizabeth Anderson Cote
Eileen Newby Korner
Alison Mann McKnight
Mary Boyd Montgomery
Mary Venini Tracey

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speaking, and resolving issues among people.
Everything I did at Theta prepared me for that.

TRACEY LONG CARISCH, B/INDIANA (SEE PAGE 19)

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LOUISE LEV GEIL, B/COLORADO (SEE PAGE 23)

Theta shaped and changed
me and gave me confidence
I didn't know I had.
Being part of an
all-woman's organization
strengthened me.

SARAH CRAIG, P/ALBION (SEE PAGE 34)

That these impressive
and dedicated Theta
students nominated
my teaching means
more than the ten
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Award itself.

RON PITCOCK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, TEXAS CHRISTIAN
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